

Remarks

1. Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 8 and 15 as informally written; rejected claims 1-9, 11-13, and 15-17 as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0186918 ("Lonnfors"); and rejected claims 10 and 14 and unpatentable over Lonnfors in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0034853 ("Gibbons").

2. Pending Claims

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-17 and have added new claims 18-29. Thus, now pending in this application are claims 18-29, of which claims 18 and 29 are independent and the rest dependent.

3. Response to Claim Objections

Applicants have cancelled claims 8 and 15. Therefore, the objections to those claims are now moot.

4. Response to § 102 and § 103 Rejections

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-17. Therefore, the rejections of those claims are now moot.

5. The Claimed Invention

New independent claim 18 is directed to a method for push launching applications on a mobile information device. The method recited in Claim 18 involves a MIDlet creating output data and making that data accessible to other MIDlets. The output data is then used to launch a second MIDlet. Independent claim 29 recites similar limitations as

those of claim 18, but is presented in the form of a computer readable medium.

As recited in claim 18, prior to being terminated, a first MIDlet uses a first method-object to set an output data that includes a referring URI. Once set, the referring URI is available to an application management system on the mobile information device and is configured to be accessed by the application management system upon self-termination of the first MIDlet.

After the first MIDlet is terminated, the application management system accesses the referring URI and determines that a second MIDlet is registered to handle the referring URI. The second MIDlet is then launched on the mobile information device and the referring URI is passed to the second MIDlet.

Dependent claim 19 further defines the process of determining a scheme of the URI and recites that a MIDlet handler is launched as an independent application, and that the MIDlet handler calls a function configured to return a string indicative of the scheme.

Dependent claims 20-28 provide further limitations of the method such as allowing for operability of the method across MIDlet suites (claim 27) and facilitating a return URI that may be used to return to the first MIDlet (claim 28).

6. The Cited References do not Teach or Suggest the Claimed Invention

Applicant submits that neither Lonnfors nor Gibbons, nor a combination of Lonnfors and Gibbons, discloses the combination as recited in the newly added independent claims 18 or 29 or any of their dependents. For instance, the cited references fail to teach the combination, recited in claims 18 and 29, of (i) establishing an accessible

URI prior to termination of a first MIDlet; (ii) accessing the URI once the first MIDlet is self-terminated; then (iii) launching the second MIDlet associated with the URI; and (iv) passing the URI to the second MIDlet.¹

The Examiner's primary reference, Lonnfors, is directed to "dispatching incoming data." However, Lonnfors fails to provide any teaching directed to the establishment of an accessible URI or the timing of the establishment of an accessible URI. Furthermore, Gibbons, cited by the Examiner for its teachings regarding WAP service messaging, does not provide any teaching directed to the establishing an accessible URI prior to terminating a first MIDlet or the claimed steps of accessing the URI once the MIDlet self-terminates. Thus, these references cannot serve as bars to patentability of the claims as presented.

Furthermore, regarding dependent claim 19, the cited references do not suggest launching an independent application to determine the scheme of the URI and calling a function to return a string indicative of the scheme of the URI. At best, Lonnfors discusses a descriptor file used by the already functioning Application Management Software (AMS) for determining a scheme. (Lonnfors at 0053). This disclosure, however, does not teach the use of an independent application launched to determine the scheme of the URI nor does it teach the use of a function to return a string indicative of the scheme of the URI. Consequently, the cited portion of Lonnfors does not teach the limitations recited by new claim 19.

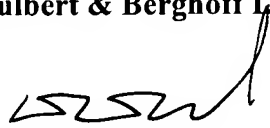
¹ Applicants note that this four-part combination listed here is merely a summary and that independent claims 18 and 29 each recite further limitations.

Because Lonnfors and Gibbons do not disclose or suggest the combination of elements as recited in any of claims 18-29, Applicants submit that claims 18-29 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request favorable Action.

Respectfully submitted

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